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SUBJ: MALAWI CUSTOMS REPORT

REF: CUSTOMS 7582

1. REPORT CITED IN PARAGRAPHS TWO THROUGH 7 BELOW IS FROM MALAWIAN CUSTOMS OFFICIAL JOHN CLIFFORD. REQUEST THAT IT BE PASSED ON AN IMMEDIATE BASIS TO MR. FLETCHER POTTER, INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS OPERATIONS DIVISION, WASHINGTON, D. C.

2. QUOTE. I CONFIRM BOTH CONSIGNMENTS HAVE LEFT MALAWI.

3. DU PONT CONSIGNMENT TO DENVER AIRPORT LEFT BLANTYRE ON 11 AUGUST 1978 VIA AWB NO. 167-01598240. IT CONTAINS TWO WOODEN COUCHES CONCEALMENTS UNDER SEATS.

4. DANE (MC BLAINE) CONSIGNMENT TO SALT LAKE CITY AIRPORT LEFT BLANTYRE ON 9 AUGUST 1978 VIA AWB NO. 167-01616812. IT CONTAINS ONE LARGE WOODEN TABLE CONCEALMENT UNDERNEATH TABLE TOP. I HAVE ARRANGED THAT EXTRA CHARGE IS ADDED TO FREIGHT COSTS TO 'EXPLAIN' THE

SLIGHT DELAY IN SHIPMENT AND TO FORCE CULPRIT (WHO HAS BEEN TOLD BY TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAM) TO EXPOSE HIMSELF AT POINT OF COLLECTION TO PAY EXTRA AMOUNT.

5. DELAY YOU MENTION COULD BE CAUSED BY FREIGHT BACKLOGS AT
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JOHANNESBURG. EARLIER ROUTINGS I GAVE YOU SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AS AIRLINES CAN ALTER AT THEIR DISCRETION.

6. I SENT TAPE OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS AND FIRST PROOF PHOTO-GRAPHS THROUGH EMBASSY POUCH TO YOU ON 17 AUGUST 1978.

7. I WILL SEND YOU DETAILS OF ONWARD FLIGHT PARTICULARS FROM

JOHANNESBURG TO NEW YORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS WELL AS FINAL ROUTING

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REGARDS. JOHN CLIFFORD. UNQUOTE

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